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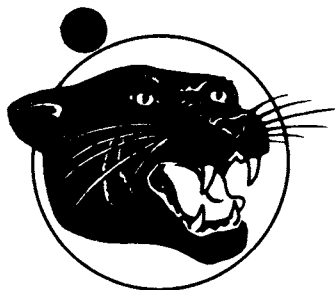
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CHARLESTON, IL--Doug Crook (Vincennes, IN-Lincoln), junior guard for Eastern Illinois University's basketball, will be redshirted this season due to a broken wrist, according to head coach Rick Samuels.

Crook, who was the second leading scorer last year with a 12.2 average, broke the wrist in late August and still has it in a cast.

"The wrist simply hasn't healed. He's not scheduled to be out of the cast until mid-December so Doug and I decided it would be best to sit out the entire season," says Samuels.

"It wouldn't be fair to try and play when we're unsure of the final analysis of the injury. At this point we're not even sure he'll be out of the cast in December so it's best to retain a full year of competition."

Therefore, Crook will have two full years of eligibility remaining and will drop back to be in the same class as three current starters, Kevin Duckworth, Tim Wyss and Jon Collins who figure to form the nucleus for the Panther basketball program for the next few years.